



# Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

*Elyria, OH*

## EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

## Community Description

The City of Elyria was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Elyria (population 55,953) is located in northern Ohio, south of Lake Erie. For most of its history, it has been dependent upon an industrially-based manufacturing economy. Due to its location on the Black River, the city had many hydro-powered mills. With the decline of the manufacturing industry, particularly automobile manufacturing, several factories were shut down, resulting in the loss of thousands of jobs in the region. The per capita income for the city is \$19,344, and 11.7 percent of the population lives below the poverty level. Brownfields assessments are expected to enable the city to identify and quantify potential risks to human health and the environment, and expedite redevelopment plans.



## Assessment Grants

New  
2008

**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**  
**\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the City of Elyria for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to develop a site inventory and conduct between three and six Phase I and between one and three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

## Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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